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WE GATHER FROM YOUR REPORT (REF B), AN IMPRESSION CONFIRMED BY THE DANISH DCM HERE, THAT YOU LEFT THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE SEEKING NATO MEMBERSHIP FOR SPAIN NOW, WHICH IS NOT THE CASE. DANES ALSO APPARENTLY GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT OUR INTEREST IN THE SPAIN-NATO RELATIONSHIP IS BASED PRIMARILY ON EVENTS IN PORTUGAL, A THEME THAT WAS NOT IN GUIDANCE IN STATE 91998. AT EARLY APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY, YOU SHOULD CLARIFY TO ANDERSEN THAT US IS ASKING THAT ALLIES CONSIDER STEPS THAT MAY BE TAKEN IN THE PRESENT ENVIRONMENT TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A FUTURE SPANISH ROLE IN NATO, FOR REASONS SET FORTH IN GUIDANCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF EMBASSY GAVE FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE THE TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF STATE 91998.

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